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In re application of :

SCHNEIDER, D. G.

Serial No.: 10/684,312

Art Unit: 3749

Filed: October 10, 2003

Examiner: S. Gravini

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For: COLLAPSIBLE HEATING APPARATUS

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR 1.133(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits the following responsive Interview Summary as required to make of written record before the Office the substance of the telephonic interview that occurred on February 20, 2009.

A copy of the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form is attached hereto. References to the 'Applicant' below are understood to mean the named Applicant or a representative duly acting on Applicant's behalf.

## INTERVIEW SUMMARY BY APPLICANT

Applicant thanks Examiner Gravini for the courtesy extended in a recent telephonic interview conducted on February 20, 2009. The substance of this interview is summarized as follows:

Applicant's representative, Frank McKiel, Jr., and Examiner Stephen Gravini discussed the Christen reference (U.S. Patent 3,856,374) which was cited as the basis of the §102 rejection in the most recent Office Action. Various citations in the remarks in the Action were missing from the Christen reference. Examiner Gravini and Mr. McKiel determined that the Christen reference may have been mistakenly cited and that correction or clarification from the Office would be needed by way of a subsequent Action.

The discussion then turned to the 'written description' shortcomings alleged in the recent Office Action. As confirmed verbally during the conversation, this §112 rejection centers around the "user selection" language in the present claims. Mr. McKiel noted passages in the specification (paragraphs 0006, 0015 and 0037) believed to support the limitation and commented as to the Office's burden to demonstrate inadequacy with respect to the written description requirement. Examiner Gravini mentioned receiving recent training as to possible changes in policy or law that may affect such a determination. Mr. McKiel indicated a willingness to receive and carefully consider any helpful information that the Examiner may wish to convey on the subject.

With respect to the "user selection" language presently recited in the pending claims, Mr. McKiel also expressed a willingness to consider any alternative language suggested by Examiner Gravini. However, Examiner Gravini indicated that he was unprepared to offer any suggested language.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits this Interview Summary as a true and accurate representation of what transpired during the telephonic interview. Applicant appreciates the suggestions and points raised by the Examiner, yet also urges the Examiner to reconsider the allowability of the claims in view of arguments and explanations provided during the conversation.

Respectfully submitted,



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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/684,312 First Named Applicant: SCNEIDER, D.G.  
 Examiner: S. GRAVINI Art Unit: 3743 Status of Application: PENDING

## Tentative Participants:

(1) EXR. GRAVINI (2) FRANK MCKIEL, JR.  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: 2/20/09 Proposed Time: 2:00 EASTERN AM/PM

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>REJ. 112, 1st+2nd</u>	<u>17</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>REJ. 102(b)</u>	<u>17-27</u>	<u>CHRISTEN 3,856,374</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

## Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

1) PRESENT CLAIMS AMPLY SUPPORTED / DESCRIBED BY WHOLE SPECIFICATION AS FILED

2) CHRISTEN DOES NOT MEET ALL LIMITATIONS PRESENTLY CLAIMED AND DOES NOT CONTAIN REF. NUMERALS, PASSAGES OR ATTRIBUTES CITED BY EXR.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

FRANK MCKIEL, JR.

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Examiner/SPE Signature

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